

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Investigation Number:**  
0700-0554

**Reporting Office:**  
Kansas City, KS, Area Office

**Investigation Name:**  
Recycletronics

**Activity Date:**  
05/11/2022

**Subject of Report:**  
Case Closing on May 11, 2022

**Reporting Official and Date:**  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
11 May 2022, Signed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Approving Official and Date:**  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Acting Special Agent in Charge  
12 May 2022, Approved by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

**DETAILS:**

Reason for Case Closure:

On May 11, 2022, this case was closed due to the defendant, Aaron Rochester, pleading guilty to the charges of illegally storing and transporting hazardous waste without a permit (42 U.S.C. § 6928(d)(2)(A) and (d)(1).

Aaron Rochester was sentenced to three years probation, 100 hours of community service, restitution to the victims in the amount of \$4,055,978.64, and a special assessment of \$200.

Grand Jury:

All evidence collected in response to Grand Jury subpoenas will be destroyed, per AUSA Shawn Wehde. See attached final chains of custody.

Samples/Computer Forensics:

All forensic evidence collected by NCFL and NEIC will be destroyed, per AUSA Shawn Wehde. Notification was sent to NCFL and NEIC on May 10, 2022. See attached emails.

Referral/Notification:

EPA Region 7 Regional Counsel was notified of the final charge and penalty against Rochester. The point of contact is Kelley Catlin, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

The Iowa Attorney General's Office was also notified. The point of contact is Jacob Larson, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. NCFL Case Closing Email
2. NEIC Case Closing Email
3. Final COCs - 051122